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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique for OXCART Mission Number BX6740

1. Mission critique was conducted in the OSA Control Center at 1400 hours, 21 December 1967.

2. Mission Data:

a. Mission Number: BX6740
b. Date Flown: 16 December 1967
c. Area of Operation: North Vietnam
d. Mission Success: Successful
e. Pilot's Name: [redacted] 25X1A
f. Aircraft Number: 131
g. Primary or Spare Flown: Primary
h. Takeoff Time - Planned: 0120Z
Actual : 0120Z
i. Landing Time - Planned: 0522Z
Actual : 0516Z
j. Time Enroute - Planned: 4+02
Actual : 3+56
k. Departure Base: Kadena AB
l. Landing Base: Kadena AB
m. Equipment:

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(2) Spare: Same as primary.

3. Operations:

a. Route (INS Plot vs Planned): Satisfactory.

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(1) INS Terminal Error: 4.5NM

(2) INS Spec Error: 10.3NM

b. Mission Generation & Operation Support: Satisfactory.

4. Weather:

a. Forecast vs. Actual:

(1) As briefed.

(2) Comments: Weather slightly better than briefed 17 - 19° north.

5. Intelligence:

a. Target Coverage:

(1) 9 of 12 programmed targets covered.

(2) 0 first priority SSM targets of 9 covered.

(3) 6 of 27 first priority NVN COMOR targets covered.

(4) 110 SAM sites, 2 sites occupied, 1 new site.

(5) 8 other priority NVN COMOR targets covered.

(6) Comments: Broad, excellent coverage with a low percentage of clouds was obtained on the high interest areas of NV. This included high priorities SSMs search areas. Significant new information was collected on a wide variety of targets such as SAM sites airfields, posts, bridges and communications centers.

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b. Quality of Take: Satisfactory.

(1) Resolution: Good

(2) Camera Operation: Normal

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f. Take Movement:

(1) Photography: Satisfactory

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6. Materiel:

a. Aircraft General: Satisfactory.

(1) Fuel gage erratic after first A/R for remainder of mission.

(2) Drage chute was slow deploying.

b. Aircraft Systems: Satisfactory

(1) System VI recorder capstan belt broke prior to second pass over denied.

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7. Communications: Satisfactory

a. Message Traffic: Satisfactory

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c. UHF/HF Commo: Satisfactory

8. Significant Actions Taken:

Reference paragraph 6a:

(1) Fuel gage error caused by corrosion and has been repaired.

(2) Drag chute was damp due to moisture and deploy action was normal under existing conditions.

9. Outstanding Actions Required:

a. Investigate above normal ground speed recorded during first penetration leg. (OXC/PLANS)

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d. Research reason for and probability of additional failure to system VI capstan belt. (D/M/AVD)

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